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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on November 13, 2008 and October 5, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents:

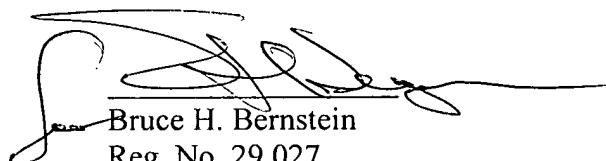
- (1) English language partial translation of YONEZAKI et al., "Jikan Shuhasu Masking o Riyoshita Spectrum Horaku no Vector Ryoshika," ("Vector Quantization of Spectrum Envelop Parameter Under Spectro-Temporal Masking"), The Acoustical Society of Japan (ASJ), Heisei 7 Nendo Shuki Kenkyu Happyokai Koen Ronbunshu – I –, September 27, 1995, pages 283-284; and
- (2) English language translation of paragraphs [0013] – [0021] of JP 8-123490 A.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted documents are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants submit that no fee is required to be paid, as the enclosed materials represent English language translation of Japanese documents that were previously cited to the Examiner in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 13, 2008. However, should it be determined that a fee is required to be paid, authorization is hereby provided to charge the required fee to the Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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